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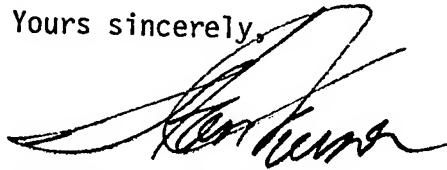
Dear Ben,

My sincere thanks for your letter inviting me to join with all of you in Hyannis on July 20th to celebrate Rose Kennedy's 90th birthday. Thanks too for your kind offer of accommodations at your residence.

Much as I would like to join in the celebration, I'm afraid my schedule precludes it.

My very best to Mrs. Kennedy on what I know will be a most momentous and joyous occasion.

Yours sincerely,



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